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To Whom It May Concern:

I have watched the case involving Microsoft and am dismayed with the twists and turns that have enveloped the case. In any business environment, the ability to innovate is critical to growth and well-being of a company. When one is a leader in a field, such as Microsoft, the competition is interested in disabling the advantages a company has. The crime involves anti-trust issues, (there is some question as to guilt) the penalties should involve perhaps changing of sales practices, cash, and maybe (this is also questionable) trading of product; something other than the elimination of innovation. Microsoft's product is software code. When one must reveal software code and make adjustments that allow competitors to embed their software into Microsoft software, it is silly. With software, code separates a poor product from a good product. Most companies would love to take other companies software code and add it to their own code. Innovation is the creation of new good code in the software industry, and when states ask for this innovation to be revealed to competitors, it makes no sense.

Enough is enough.

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